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SUBJECT: SOVIET DISSIDENTS: AMALRIK IN PARIS

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SUMMARY. THE AMALRIK AFFAIR HAS RUN ITS COURSE. AMAL-  
RIK WENT TOO FAR IN ATTACKING THE PRESIDENT AND THE  
FRENCH POLICE, BUT HE ACHIEVED HEAVY PUBLICITY AND A LOT  
OF DEBATE ABOUT FRANCE'S NON-INTERFERENCE POLICY. END  
SUMMARY.

1. THE AMALRIK AFFAIR CONTINUES TO GENERATE TREMENDOUS  
NEWSPAPER COVERAGE IN FRANCE. AMALRIK'S SIT-IN ON THE  
CURB ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PALACE  
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FEBRUARY 24 MADE IT HARD FOR A NUMBER OF FRENCH NEWSPA-  
PERS AND A FEW POLITICAL PERSONALITIES TO STAY ON THE  
FENCE.

2 . GISCARD AND OTHER HIGH GOF OFFICIALS CONTINUED TO  
REFUSE TO SEE AMALRIK, BUT THE PRESIDENCY FELT CONS-  
TRAINED TO ISSUE A FORMAL STATEMENT IN THE LIGHT OF

AMALRIK'S SUCCESSFUL PUBLICITY EFFORT. PRESIDENTIAL  
SPOKESMAN LECAT MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. FRANCE IS A FREE COUNTRY WITH FREE SPEECH.  
MR. AMALRIK IS FREE TO COME AND GO AND MAKE KNOWN HIS  
POINT OF VIEW.

B. AS A SIGNATORY OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS, FRANCE  
WILL KEEP TRACK OF HOW IT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT  
PREJUDICE OR LENIENCY. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT  
THIS PROCESS IS WELCOME TO SUPPLY IT TO THE COMPETENT  
FRENCH AUTHORITIES.

C. FOREIGN VISITORS TO FRANCE SHOULD NOT FEEL  
THEY CAN UNILATERALLY INVITE THEMSELVES IN FOR A CHAT  
WITH THE PRESIDENT.

3. AFTER TWO DAYS OF HESITATION, THE PARISIAN PRESS  
HAS GENERALLY BECOME CRITICAL OF GISCARD'S REFUSAL TO  
SEE AMALRIK. RAYMOND ARON IN THURSDAY'S FIGARO POINTED  
OUT THAT BREZHNEV CAN PUT ON HIS COMMUNIST PARTY HAT  
AND FEEL FREE TO CRITICIZE SPECIFIC WESTERN GOVERNMENTS  
WITH IMPUNITY. WHEN BREZHNEV WEARS HIS GOVERNMENTAL  
HAT, HE OBSERVES THE RULE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN IN-  
TERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. WHY ARE WESTERN  
EUROPEAN LEADERS AFRAID TO CRITICIZE HUMAN RIGHTS VIO-  
LATIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION? THE SOVIETS NEED OUR  
TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS MUCH AS WE NEED  
TO SELL IT TO THEM. IF WESTERN LEADERS SHOWED SOLIDARITY  
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ON THIS ISSUE, THE SOVIETS COULD NOT PLAY ONE OFF  
AGAINST THE OTHER THROUGH THE THREAT TO AWARD CONTRACTS  
ELSEWHERE. BREZHNEV DID NOT WORRY ABOUT THESE THINGS  
WHEN HE SENT CUBAN FORCES INTO ANGOLA, ARON CONCLUDED.  
OTHER NEWSPAPERS ARGUED THAT PRINCIPLES SHOULD COME  
BEFORE POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY.

4. THE PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS, HOWEVER, TENDED TO BE  
CRITICAL OF AMALRIK RATHER THAN THE GOF. THEY SAID THAT  
HIS BEHAVIOR IN THE STREET OUTSIDE THE ELYSEE WAS HARM-  
FUL TO HIS CAUSE, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE SAID THE  
FRENCH POLICE WERE WORSE THAN THE KGB, AND WHEN HE CAL-  
LED GISCARD A TROJAN HORSE FOR BREZHNEV. A RUMOR OF  
RADIO COMMENTATORS ALSO CRITICIZED AMALRIK FOR ARROGANT  
BEHAVIOR TOWARD THE PRESIDENT AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

5. INTERVIEWED ON TELEVISION WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MINISTER  
OF STATE LECANUET REFUSED TO ADMIT GOF WEAKNESS IN NOT  
RECEIVING AMALRIK, BUT HE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD

BE GLAD TO SEE HIM IF HE KNOCKED ON HIS DOOR.

6. OTHER POLITICIANS WERE CIRCUMSPECT, WITH THE NOTABLE  
EXCEPTION OF ROBERT FABRE, LEADER OF THE LEFT RADICALS,

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WHO "DEPLORED THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOF AND THE FRENCH  
PRESIDENT." JACQUES CHIRAC SAID THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK  
FOR THE PRESIDENT, BUT HE BELIEVES LIBERTY IS INDIVISI-  
BLE AND MUST BE PROTECTED EVERYWHERE. THE SOCIALISTS  
WERE QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT FRANCOIS MITTERRAND HAD RE-  
CEIVED AMALRIK IN PARIS LAST DECEMBER, AND THAT PIERRE  
MAUROIS WOULD BE RECEIVING LEONID PLIOUTCH IN LILLE  
THIS WEEK. GEORGES MARCHAIS APPEARED WITH AMALRIK ON  
TELEVISION TUESDAY EVENING, BUT USED THE OCCASION TO  
PRAISE SOVIET POLICY ON DETENTE, TO CALL FOR NON-INTER-  
FERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND TO CLAIM THAT THE PCF  
FAVORS HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL COUNTRIES, THEREBY DILUTING

THE AMALRIK MESSAGE IN A SEA OF PLATITUDES.

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7. COMMENT: IF AMALRIK'S OBJECTIVE WAS PUBLICITY, HE GOT LOTS OF IT. IF HIS OBJECTIVE WAS SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY, THE RESULTS WERE MIXED. HIS EXAGGERATED ATTACKS ON THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND THE FRENCH POLICE TURNED A LOT OF PEOPLE OFF, ESPECIALLY IN THE PROVINCES. HE DID FORCE A PUBLIC DEBATE ABOUT FRANCE'S "NON-INTERFERENCE POLICY", HOWEVER, AND THERE ARE A LOT MORE RESPECTED VOICES CRITICIZING THAT POLICY NOW THAN BEFORE HE CAME.  
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